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### **Letter dated 9 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Mali to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the press release issued in Lusaka, on 6 July 2001, by the Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) concerning the renewal of the moratorium on the import, export and manufacture of light weapons for a second three-year period to take effect from 5 July 2001.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a Security Council document.

*(Signed)* Moctar **Ouane**  
Permanent Representative of Mali to the United Nations



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The Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) decided to renew the moratorium on the import, export and manufacture of light weapons for a second three-year period with effect from 5 July 2001.

The aim of the moratorium, which was declared on 31 October 1998 in Abuja, is to reduce the proliferation and circulation of light weapons in West Africa.

To achieve that objective, the member States of ECOWAS adopted a plan of action and code of conduct in March 1999. The plan is based on the following main elements: establishment of a culture of peace; establishment of national committees; destruction of arms surpluses in member States; training of security personnel; dialogue with manufacturers of light weapons; and the establishment of a databank and register of light weapons in circulation in West Africa. These arms fuel conflicts in the subregion and contribute to the use of child soldiers. It is fortunate that the Heads of State and Government have declared this moratorium, the first of its kind in the world.

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### **Letter dated 13 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement on the demolition of Palestinian houses in Jerusalem issued on 10 July 2001 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a Security Council document.

*(Signed) Jean De Ruyt*  
Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations



**Annex to the letter dated 13 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

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**Statement on the demolition of Palestinian houses in Jerusalem issued on 10 July 2001 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union**

The European Union is extremely concerned by the demolition of Palestinian houses by the Jerusalem municipal authority in the Shufat sector of Jerusalem on 9 July 2001.

It calls on the Israeli authorities to put an immediate end to this sort of activity, which can only complicate further the efforts of the international community and the parties themselves to seek a solution to end the crisis through the full implementation of the recommendations set out in the Fact Finding Committee's report (the Mitchell report).

It urges all the parties to act responsibly and to refrain from any comments or unilateral acts that might be interpreted as a provocation, but instead to work resolutely for calm.

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